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Criminals Against the State

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1. In Sliven a trial recently took place of several Communist officials accused of having furnished arms and assistance to partisans who, in April 1951, attacked the Sliven prison and freed a number of prisoners. The trial was conducted by a military tribunal and all were found guilty and shot.
2. In the same city preparations were under way for the trial of Alexander Jurekovski and V. Popov, both technical directors of the Kitka Porcelain Factory near the city of Razgrad. The men are being held responsible for sabotage of production carried out by the workers.
3. Preparations are under way in Vidin for the trial of Penju Milev, director of the Collection Department of the District Agricultural Committee, and a large number of peasants accused of not turning in their full quotas of grain. Two other ex-Communist officials Metodi Stoyrev and Ivan Kankov, are to be tried for having sold grain, collected by their agencies, on the black market. The individuals are accused of having carried on this activity for the past two years. These trials will take place before the District Court of Vidin, and the public prosecutor will be Rusin Rusinov.
4. The District Court of Plovdiv, under the presidency of Georgi Todorov and with Vasil Stoyanovski as public prosecutor, recently passed sentences on the following members of the Agrarian Party for activity against the regime:
  - a. Dimitar Kanev, Agrarian leader in the village of Golyama Konara (District of Plovdiv) condemned to death;
  - b. Jordan Hadzhi Panov, of the village of Bresteritsa (District of Plovdiv) and Agrarian Party leader, condemned to death;
  - c. Ivan Mateev Salamanov, minor Agrarian leader from the city of Karlovo, condemned to 20 years hard labor;
  - d. Stoyan Iliev Burav, from Karlovo, 10 years hard labor;
  - e. Dobri K. Iliev, from Karlovo, 10 years hard labor; and

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- f. Petur Simeonov, president of the Agricultural Cooperative of Bulgaria prior to 9 September 1944, sent to Belene concentration camp near Svishtov on the Danube River.

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